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### BROADCAST EXCERPT

JIM JENSEN (Anchor): There's a new breast cancer scare on Long Island where one in nine women fall victim to that disease. Authorities are very worried about a cluster of cases found in West Islip. Correspondent John Slattery reports.

JOHN SLATTERY (Reporter): In West Islip, the talk is of breast cancer. Alexandra Chapman has had it, Lorraine Pace has had it.

LORRAINE PACE (Breast Cancer Victim): I have 20 friends in that local community with breast cancer, and that's what really got me upset.

SLATTERY: Lorraine Pace was so upset, she organized a group of breast cancer victims and sent questionnaires to all 8,700 homes in her town to find out who else has had breast cancer. What she found was that on this street, for example, where one woman had breast cancer, the woman next door had breast cancer, and the woman directly across the street had breast cancer.

In fact, there were similar clusters all over town. So, the group laid out its finding on a map showing every house in town. So far with 70% response, 300 marked yellow are positive for breast cancer, 700 in pink indicate benign tumors or fiberoids, 4,000 in white are negative.

DR. CLARE BEADLEY (Suffolk County Health Dept.): I think its far too many breast cancer cases.

SLATTERY: And, bear in mind, these results are in a town state health officials consider low to moderate in its incidence for breast cancer.

BEADLEY: Now, if you look at that map, if we're low to

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moderate incidence, what is an area that has a hot spot? What does their map look like? I'd like to know.

PACE: I think it just puts in print how common breast cancer is.

SLATTERY: Many studies have pointed out that breast cancer may be common on Long Island because of genetics. Nevertheless, to examine possible environmental factors, County Executive Robert Gaffney has hired an engineering firm to take the completed map and overlay maps of various utilities, dead-end water lines and the like, and construct a computer model.

ROBERT GAFFNEY (Suffolk County Executive): We may be able to get oil spill information, and maybe we'll get toxic spill information from the state, from the EPA, DEC...

SLATTERY: Or electric lines or whatever...

GAFFNEY: All of those things -- all of the things some people have said contribute to breast cancer.

SLATTERY: Perhaps, by this summer, officials may have some clues as to what's causing the cancer, and officials plan similar maps for the rest of Suffolk County.

In West Islip, John Slattery, Channel 2 News.

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